

CHRIST THE KING

LUTHERAN CHURCH and PRESCHOOL

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Christmas at Christ The King *Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities*

SUNDAY ADVENT SERVICES

*December 1, 8, 15 &
22*

8:00 & 10:30 AM

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

*Wednesdays
December 4, 11 & 18*

7:00 PM

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24th:

7:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

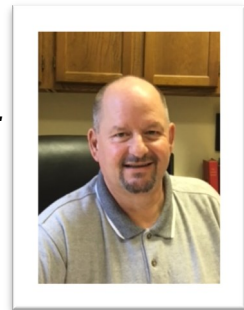
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CHRIST THE KING HERALD

DECEMBER 2024 EDITION

From the Pastor's Desk

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.—Galatians 4:4-5



Greetings in the name of our Faithful and Powerful God.

“Darkness, Darkness everywhere. Flee for the night has come.” A made up line which could very well sum-up how people feel in the world today. Wars, crime, depression, suicide, murders, social ills, division among families and friends. These are the headlines of today. Where is there any hope in that? We face another Christmas, and for many it will be a time of more depression, and more sadness. I say the question again, but just a little different: “Where is hope in Christmas?”

For Christians it is easy to say Jesus is the light of Christmas, Jesus is the gift of Christmas, Jesus is the hope of Christmas. Do we really mean that or is it just another holiday to just get through.

I am reminded of a passage from A Christmas Carol: “*Let me leave it alone, then,*” said Scrooge. “*Much good may it do you! Much good it has ever done you!*”

“There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say,” returned the nephew. “Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!” (Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol, London, 1843).

Fred is very enthusiastic about Christmas, Scrooge, not so much. Scrooge really doesn't understand Christmas, and for decades has shut his heart to the joys of Christmas. Fred has a true view of Christmas, a time of veneration of the Christ Child, but more than that a time for the people to open their hearts and think of others as journeying together with them.

In Galatians, Paul gives the reason for Christmas: Redemption. He then follows that up with Adoption. In Christ, we are all gathering together as God's children. We are journeying together, celebrating together, and even suffering together. At Christmas we look around and find others to celebrate Christmas with. Like our Easter greeting “Christ is risen!”, “He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!” At Christmas, our greeting should be “Christ is born!”, “He is born indeed! Hallelujah!” with the feeling of the change that makes for us and in us. As we journey through this Christmas season, may we see the Christ Child, and present the Christ Child to those we meet. May we be a Fred, rather than a Scrooge, to help others to see the real joy of Christmas. “God bless us everyone!”

A joyous, Christ-filled Christmas to you and yours.

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THANK YOU

For Your Financial Support

	<u>Actual Givings Received</u>	<u>Total Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
First Quarter Total:	\$89,296.70	\$78,780.00	\$10,516.69
Second Quarter Total:	\$68,491.38	\$78,780.00	-\$10,288.62
Third Quarter Total:	\$76,514.86	\$78,780.00	-\$2,265.14
October/November Total:	\$41,638.56	\$48,480.00	-\$6,841.44

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, December 15th

Immediately Following the
10:30 AM Worship Service

We will voting on the proposed budget for 2025 upcoming year.

NO MEN'S BREAKFAST

In December



Bake and Craft Sale Sunday, December 8th
All Ladies Are Welcome To Participate!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17, at 10:00 AM, in Barnabas Hall. All ladies are invited to join us. Come and learn about us and hear a thoughtful Bible study led by Pastor Brown.

If you are interested in serving our Lord in His missions through our chapter of the LWML, please contact Lois Hintzman, 407-295-9810, or Betty Dorsey, 512-971-1814. If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like to receive our monthly meeting minutes, please contact Lois Hintzman or Betty Dorsey. Also, if you are interested in receiving the LWML daily Mustard Seed devotional online, please go to their website, LCMS.org and go to Mustard Seeds and give them your email address. These devotions are wonderful small nuggets to start your day with God.

The Preschool is accepting registrations for the
2024-2025 school year!
They offer small class sizes of only 10 students
per classroom!

Annual Thanksgiving Program



A Visit From the SWAT Team



You're Invited to Join Us For Preschool Chapel Time
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, in the Sanctuary
(Please enter through the side door of the church)



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Please be an angel to a local family by taking angel ornaments to help local families celebrate Christmas. The tree is located in the sanctuary of the church. Buy the gift listed on the angel, and return it gift wrapped with the angel attached, by December 15th. Please help families in need to have a wonderful Christmas this year. Thank you so much in advance.



Taking Down The Greens

Sunday, January 5th, 2025

Immediately following the 10:30 AM Worship Service.



HELP WANTED FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Seeking volunteers to set up Holy Communion trays and clean up after the service. Training is provided. If you are able to commit to doing one or more of these times, please contact Corinne Fennessy at 321-438-9172 or email corinne.fennessy@gmail.com.

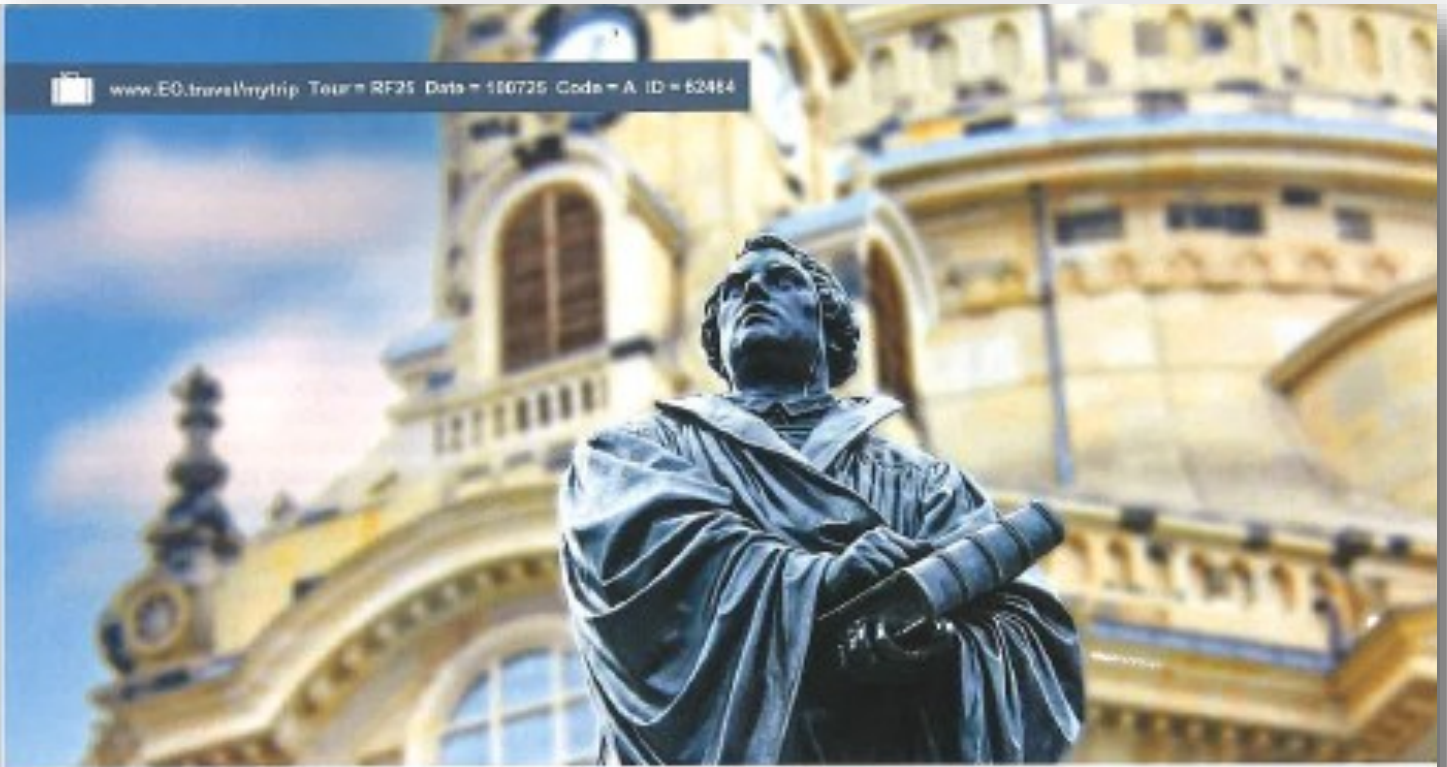


USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED At Christ The King

Items Accepted: All Clothing, Shoes, Sneakers, Belts, Purses, Blankets, Towels, Sheets, Pillowcases, Curtains and Stuffed Toys.



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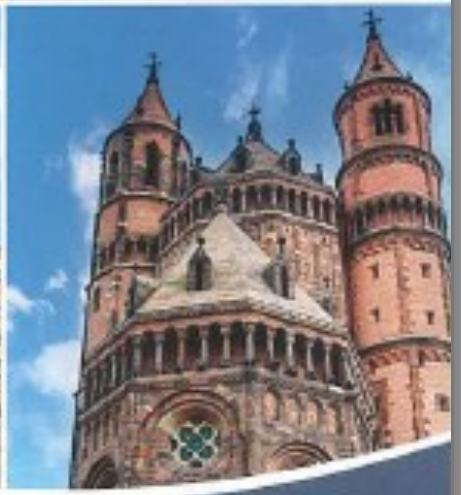
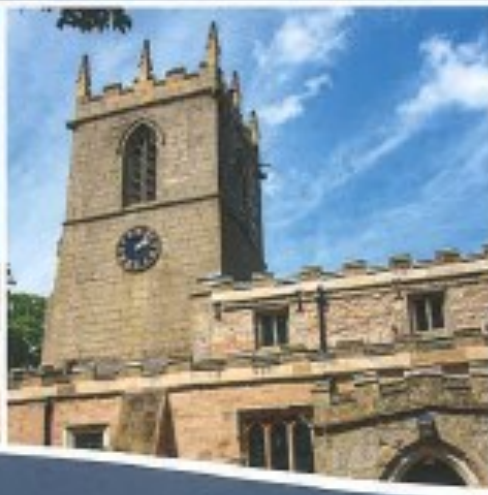
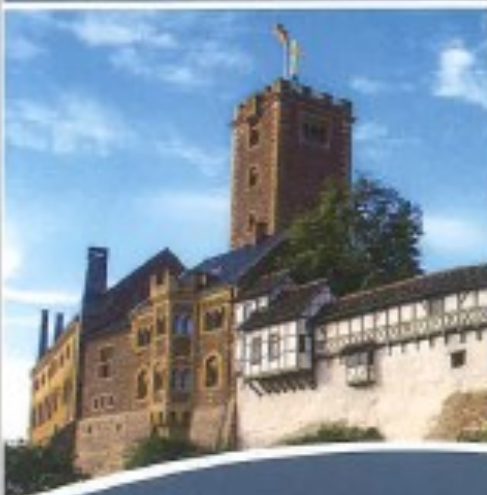


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Happy Birthday!

01 – Kal Coddington	11 – Viola Bright	18 – Virginia Fischer	23 – Carina Burton
03 – Jennifer Anderson	13 – Jonathan Hetz	19 – Riley Gunderson	Paul Valuch
Deborah Kulich	Judy Moreau	20 – Ezra Acosta	26 – Rev. Paul Foust
07 – Jack Ouligian	15 – Lindsey Mattox Gardner	Brandon Weed	27 – Ayana Beckford
08 – Lois Hintzman	16 – Cheryl Branciforte	21 – Neville Khandasammy	28 – Juliana Padoan
09 – Taylor Gardner	Margaret Laber		29 – Eric Havens
			Cynthia Valuch

CTK Ladies Social at Panera

Friday, December 27

10:00 AM

Come join us and bring a friend!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone needing encouragement and a reminder of God's loving arms around them, prayer shawls and cards are available in the Bride's Room (off of the narthex) Please help yourself or contact Karen (office: 407-876-2771). If you would like information on this ministry, please contact Mary Montie at maryemontie@yahoo.com. New volunteers are welcome anytime.



Connect with us on these platforms!

Live Video of Worship Services are Available on:

Website:

Ctkorlando.com

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"Christ The King Lutheran Church & PreSchool"

YouTube:

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Please follow us on Instagram at [ctkorlando](https://www.instagram.com/ctkorlando)

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM–1:00 PM

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel	5 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Class	6	7
8 <u>Worship Services:</u> 10:30 AM Fellowship in Barnabas Hall 9:15 AM BC & SS COUNCIL MEETING Confirmation 6:00 – 7:30 PM	9	10	11 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel	12 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Class	13	14
15 <u>Worship Services:</u> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Fellowship in Barnabas Hall 9:15 AM BC & SS VOTERS' ASSEMBLY Confirmation 6:00 – 7:30 PM	16	17 10:00 AM LWML	18 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel	19 NO Bible Class Preschool Christmas Program	20	21
22 <u>Worship Services:</u> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM NO COMMUNION Fellowship in Barnabas Hall 9:15 AM BC & SS	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM Worship Services	25 Christmas Day 10:30 AM Worship Service	26 NO Bible Class	27	28
29 <u>Worship Services:</u> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM NO COMMUNION Fellowship in Barnabas Hall 9:15 AM BC & SS	30	31				

WORSHIP SERVICES: In Sanctuary, Live on YouTube and Facebook.
BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL: In Barnabas Hall, Live on YouTube and Facebook.